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1. USG DESIRE TO BE OF ASSISTANCE, ON FULLY REIMBURSABLE
BASIS, TO OMAN IN PROVIDING MODEST NAVAL TRAINING (REFTEL
A) REMAINS UNCHANGED, AND REMAINS WELL WITHIN SCOPE OF USG
POLICY OF LIMITED INVOLVEMENT IN OMANI MILITARY AFFAIRS.

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2. SUGGEST EMBASSY, IN DISCUSSIONS OF THIS QUESTION WITH

OMANIS, URGE OMANIS CONSULT WITH SAUDIS TO EXPLORE
POSSIBILITY OF LIMITED OMANI PARTICIPATION IN SAUDI NAVAL
EXPANSION PROGRAM (SNEP), ALONG LINES SUGGESTED IN REF B.

3. USG WELCOMES EMBASSY SUGGESTION THAT OMANI DEFENSE
LIAISON OFFICER, MAJOR SALIM AL-GHAZALI, OR OTHER APPRO-
PRIATE OMANI OFFICIAL, VISIT US TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES
FOR TRAINING OF OMANIS HERE. YOU AUTHORIZED PROCEED TO
MAKE THIS SUGGESTION TO OMANI GOVERNMENT, ASSURING THAT
CONTEXT OF VISIT IS TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF LIMITED
TRAINING FOR SUITABLE OMANI OFFICERS AND SEAMEN, AND DOES

NOT IMPLY USG COMMITMENT TO BROADER PROGRAM.

4. WHEN RELAYING PROPOSAL TO OMANIS, YOU SHOULD STRESS
THAT VALUE OF ANY VISIT WOULD BE CONTINGENT ON ABILITY
OF VISITING OFFICIAL TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC TRAINING RE-
QUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS OF POTENTIAL TRAINEES.
THESE ARE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF ANY SUCCESSFUL TRAINING
PROGRAM AND MUST BE ADDRESSED BY OMANIS AT SOME POINT. INGERSOLL

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